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IN THE FEEDING AND VETERINARY
PRACTICE

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LETTER

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Sir:

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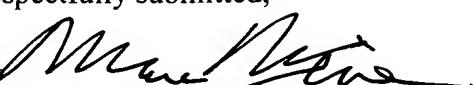
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CLAIMS

1. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract as fodder complement for the production of fodders, nutriments or premixes.
2. Fodder or nutrient which in addition to the usual fodder- and nutrient components contains fermented wheat-germ extract in an amount of 0,001-10% in weight.
3. Fodder- or nutrient premix which in addition to the usual premix components contains fermented wheat-germ extract in an amount of 0,001-50% in weight.
4. Fodder, nutrient or premix according to Claim 2 or 3 containing such wheat-germ extract which derives from a fermentation broth obtained in the course of the fermentation of the wheat germ in the presence of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* in an aqueous medium.
5. Method for yield-enhancing of farm animals characterized in that fermented wheat-germ extract is given as yield-enhancer to the fodder of the animals and the animals are fed with the fodder obtained in this manner.
6. The method according to Claim 5 characterized in that the above-mentioned yield-enhancer is employed in an amount of 0,1-6 g/kg fodder, preferably 0,3-3 g/kg fodder.
7. The method according to Claim 5 or 6 wherein the farm animal is cattle, horse, rabbit, piglet, fattening pig, broiler chicken, egg-laying hen, turkey, goose or duck.
8. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract for yield-enhancing of farm animals.
9. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract for manufacture of preparation for preventing and/or treating animal's *Mycoplasma* infections.
10. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract for manufacture of preparation for preventing and/or treating animal's infectious inflammations, particularly pneumonia caused by *M. hyopneumoniae*.
11. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract for manufacture of preparation for preventing and/or treating coccidiosis infection of poultry.
12. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract for increasing antibody titer of vaccinated poultry.

13. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract for preventing and/or reducing *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* or *Mycoplasma synoviae* infection and/or coccidiosis infection of poultry.
14. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract for preventing *pneumoniae* caused by *M. hyopneumoniae*.
15. The use according to Claim 8 or Claims 11-13 in that the wheat-germ extract is employed mixing to the usual fodder in an amount of 0,1-6 g/fodder kg.